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25X1 3. [] Talked briefly with Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, mentioning the Kraslow and Grose columns of this morning's paper and the fact that the Director had been asked to again appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

I told Woodruff that as soon as he was available we would like to talk with him with regard to the RDC program and asked that he not reach any judgement about this until we have had an opportunity to talk with him. He agreed and said it probably would be sometime next week before he would be finished with the Defense Appropriations hearings.

I advised Woodruff of our contacts with Ken BeLieu, of the White House, and our intention to be in touch with Senators Robert Byrd (D., W. Va.), Roman Hruska (R., Neb.) and Strom Thurmond (R., S. Car.) or their principal legislative assistants with regard to the Ervin bill, S. 782. Woodruff agreed that we should go ahead as planned adding that he would be glad to discuss the Agency problems with this bill with any of these members if they should approach him on it.

25X1 4. [] Met with Joseph Owens, on the staff of Senator Robert Byrd (D., W. Va.), and briefed him on the Agency's problems with regard to the Ervin bill, S. 782. I told him it was our understanding that Senator Ervin was polling the members of the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (of which Senator Byrd is a member) and that I was merely attempting to inform them of our concern of the bill. Owens seemed to appreciate our contacting him on this and said he would discuss the matter with Senator Byrd. Owens had been away on military leave and appeared to be unaware of the letter from Senator Ervin asking the members of the Subcommittee their views on S. 782. He will look into it, however, and be back in touch with us if any further information is needed.

25X1 5. [] Received a call from one of the secretaries in the office of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D., Mo.) who said the Senator wanted to get a briefing on the USIB estimate mentioned in the New York Times. I told her that there was no one in the office at the moment and she said she would call again tomorrow morning.

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